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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/534,186	Applicant(s) LEIJON ET AL.	
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 12 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619), Kawamura (US 20020060505), Aanstoos et al. (High Voltage Stator for a Flywheel Energy Storage System), and Leijon (WO 97/45935). Stevenson teaches a power storage system for a hybrid drive vehicle (see figure 1) having a driving system with at least one electric apparatus 14/16 and a power storage 12 having a stator-provided winding 38 and at least one rotor with a magnetic-flux generating permanent magnets 40, where the rotor is connected to a

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flywheel 30 for storage of energy in the form of kinetic energy in at least one rotary mass. The power storage being arranged to transmit power to and from the electric apparatus by the controller 14 (see col. 4, lines 23-45). Stevenson teaches the stator winding 38 is wound to extend in the air gap between the core 36 and the magnet 38 (as shown in figure 3). Stevenson does not teach the stator having a first winding arranged to operate at low voltage and a second winding to operate at high voltage with the first and second windings being arranged to operate independently of each other. Kawamura teaches generators have multiple windings to generate various voltages such as 12-24 V (between 6-50 Volts) for low voltages and 100-200 V for high voltages for different power requirements on a vehicle. Stevenson and Kawamura do not teach the high voltage being greater than 1-24 kV or one of the windings having of a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation surrounded by a second semiconducting layer. Aanstoos teaches a high voltage flywheel mobility leveling for tactical vehicles with minimal mass and volume. Leijon teaches rotary electric machines operating voltages between 110-20 kv (page 3, line 24) to be used in conjunction with a power station. Leijon teaches that it is known to provide one of the windings 6 (figure 2)(pg. 14, lines 18-27) with a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer 32 surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation 33 surrounded by a second semiconducting layer 34 to provide a generator with high voltage cable with easy assembly (page 12). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the electrical generator art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson with the low and high power windings transmitting power to

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and from the motor/generator to meet the various power requirements on a vehicle as taught by Kawamura, where the high voltage is between voltage is below 1.2 kv and 24 kv provide flywheel mobility leveling with minimal mass and volume, and with the winding having a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation surrounded by a second semiconducting layer to provide a high voltage winding which is flexible and can allow easy manufacturing, as taught by Leijon.

4. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al., Kawamura, Aanstoos, and Leijon in further view of Tanaka (US 6172435). Stevenson, Kawamura, Aanstoos, and Leijon teach every aspect of the invention except the rotor having a squirrel cage winding. Tanaka teaches the flux generator device on the rotor can be a squirrel cage 19 or a permanent magnet (col. 5, line 19) to operate as a motor/generator, however the squirrel cage is the preferred embodiment in the high speed flywheel. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson, Kawamura, Aanstoos, and Leijon with magnetic flux generator being a squirrel cage because Tanaka teaches that it is the preferred embodiment in the high speed flywheel and because selection between known equivalents is within the ordinary skill in the art.

5. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al., Kawamura, Aanstoos, and Leijon, in further view of Ueyama et al.

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(Ueyama)(US 5739609). Stevenson, Kawamura, Aanstoos, and Leijon teach every aspect of the invention except the rotor flywheel supported by magnetic or sliding bearings. Ueyama teaches a rotor supported by magnetic and sliding bearings to provide high speed rotation of the rotor and safe touchdown bearings for protecting the motor. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson, Kawamura, Aanstoos, Leijon with magnetic bearings and slide bearings to provide high speed rotation.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments are moot in view of the new ground of rejection. The Applicant's argument that Kawamura is only a generator is not persuasive because Kawamura is a permanent magnet device which can operate as either a motor or generator, as taught by Stevenson. Applicant's argument regarding how to implement Kawamura with Stevenson and Aanstoos is not persuasive, Kawamura teaches two windings (a low and high voltage windings), as claimed by the Applicant. Applicant's argument regarding the voltage levels is not persuasive. The output voltages of vehicle generators are shown by Stevenson and Aanstoos, in addition to clearly being a result effective variable that is within the ordinary skill in the art to select (see MPEP 2144.50). Applicant's argument regarding the insulation of Leijon is not specifically taught for a flywheel is not persuasive because it is taught for use in a generators

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the inclusion of claim 16 in combination with the all the limitations of newly amended claim 1 is not suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Quyen Leung, can be reached at (571) 272 - 8188. The facsimile number for the Group is (571) 273 - 8300.

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/Karl I Tamai/
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER
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